SENATE RESOLUTION 16 By Dixon

A RESOLUTION to designate May, 2001 as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, someone in the United States experiences a stroke every minute, with over 500,000 strokes occurring every year; and

WHEREAS, strokes are our nation's third leading cause of death, claiming 150,000 American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, the National Coalition for Stroke Prevention is working to improve the quality of life for those stricken with a particular form of stroke, Atrial Fibrillation, and is committed to long-term stroke prevention education; and

WHEREAS, Atrial Fibrillation is a condition in which the two upper chambers of the heart quiver instead of beating effectively; and

WHEREAS, the most common persistent cardiac arrhythmia known as Atrial Fibrillation affects more than two million people each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of Atrial Fibrillation increases with age, virtually doubling with each decade in persons fifty years of age or older; and

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WHEREAS, Atrial Fibrillation causes nearly 80,000 strokes each year in the United States, or nearly one sixth of total strokes; and

WHEREAS, education and stroke prevention programs can play an integral role in the lives of those who suffer from Atrial Fibrillation by reducing their chances of having a stroke; and

WHEREAS, throughout the nation, the month of May is designated as "Stroke Awareness Month": and

WHEREAS, in observance of National Stroke Awareness Month, the state of Tennessee should join the National Coalition for Stroke Prevention Awareness in a major initiative to educate the public about the dangers and prevention of strokes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the month of May, 2001 is hereby designated as "Stroke Awareness Month" in Tennessee, and the public is encouraged to become better educated about strokes and their symptoms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we join in expressing our most sincere appreciation to the National Coalition for Stroke Prevention Awareness as they continue to inform the public on the benefits of long term stroke prevention education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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